AGENDA Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, October 26, 2006 Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. 7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call
- II. Seating of Alternates
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes, September 28, 2006
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP: 2007 EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

Background: Chair Grilli will provide a report and discuss the possible 2007 exchange schedule. .

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead Grilli.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: Co-leads Grilli and Mateo will provide a verbal report.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from co-leads Grilli and Mateo.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: Vice Chair Arthur will provide a verbal report including leading a discussion on citizen participation.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead Commissioner Arthur.

4. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a European sister city.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

5. SISTER CITY COMMISSIONER ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

Background: At the August meeting, the Commission agendized a discussion of the expectations for Commissioner support of the Sister City program. Based on that discussion, staff will provide proposed new language for the Commission bylaws.

Recommendation: Discuss and direct staff if appropriate.

6. 2007 MEETING CALENDAR

Background: The Commission has historically cancelled the November and December meetings because of conflicts with the holidays. At the September meeting, the Commission cancelled the 2007 meetings in November and December. The Chair asked the Commission to consider whether there will be a need for a special meeting in November or December of this year.

Recommendation: Discuss the potential need for a special meeting in November/December 2006.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

X. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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- 1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - ii. Huizhou City, China
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
- 2. European Sister City Research

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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